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Wind

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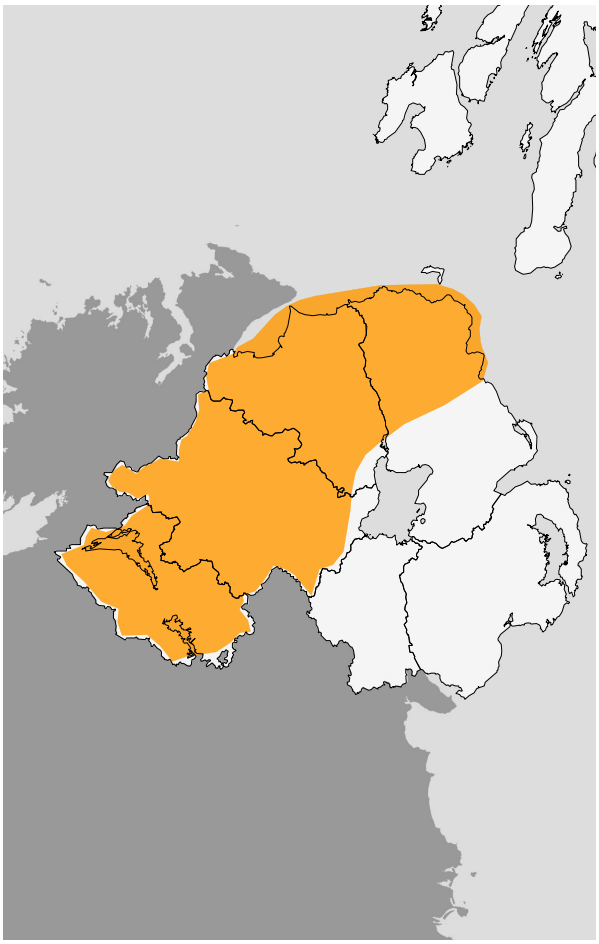
20:00 Sun 20 Oct 2024



Storm Ashley will bring a spell of strong winds, probably causing some disruption on Sunday.

What to expect

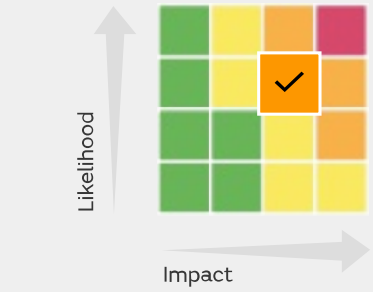
- Flying debris is likely and could lead to Injuries or danger to life
- Probably some damage to buildings, such as tiles blown from roofs
- Longer journey times and cancellations likely, as road, rail, air and ferry services may be affected
- Some roads and bridges likely to close
- There is a good chance that power cuts may occur, with the potential to affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage

Further details

Storm Ashley will bring a period of southwesterly gales during Sunday afternoon and early evening across much of western and northern Northern Ireland. Gusts are expected to reach 60 to 70 mph for a time before easing from the west. Some disruption to transport and power supplies is likely.

What should I do?

Driving in these conditions can be dangerous, for yourself and other road users.



Medium likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

If you must drive, you can do this more safely by taking the following actions; drive slowly to minimise the impact of wind gusts, be aware of high sided vehicles/caravans on more exposed roads and be cautious when overtaking, and give cyclists, motorcyclists, lorries, and buses more room than usual.

Being outside in high winds makes you more vulnerable to injury. Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do go out, try not to walk, or shelter, close to buildings and trees. In advance of high winds, check for loose items outside your home and secure them. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, sheds, and fences.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

Stay up to date with the weather forecast for your area and follow advice from emergency services and local authorities.

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